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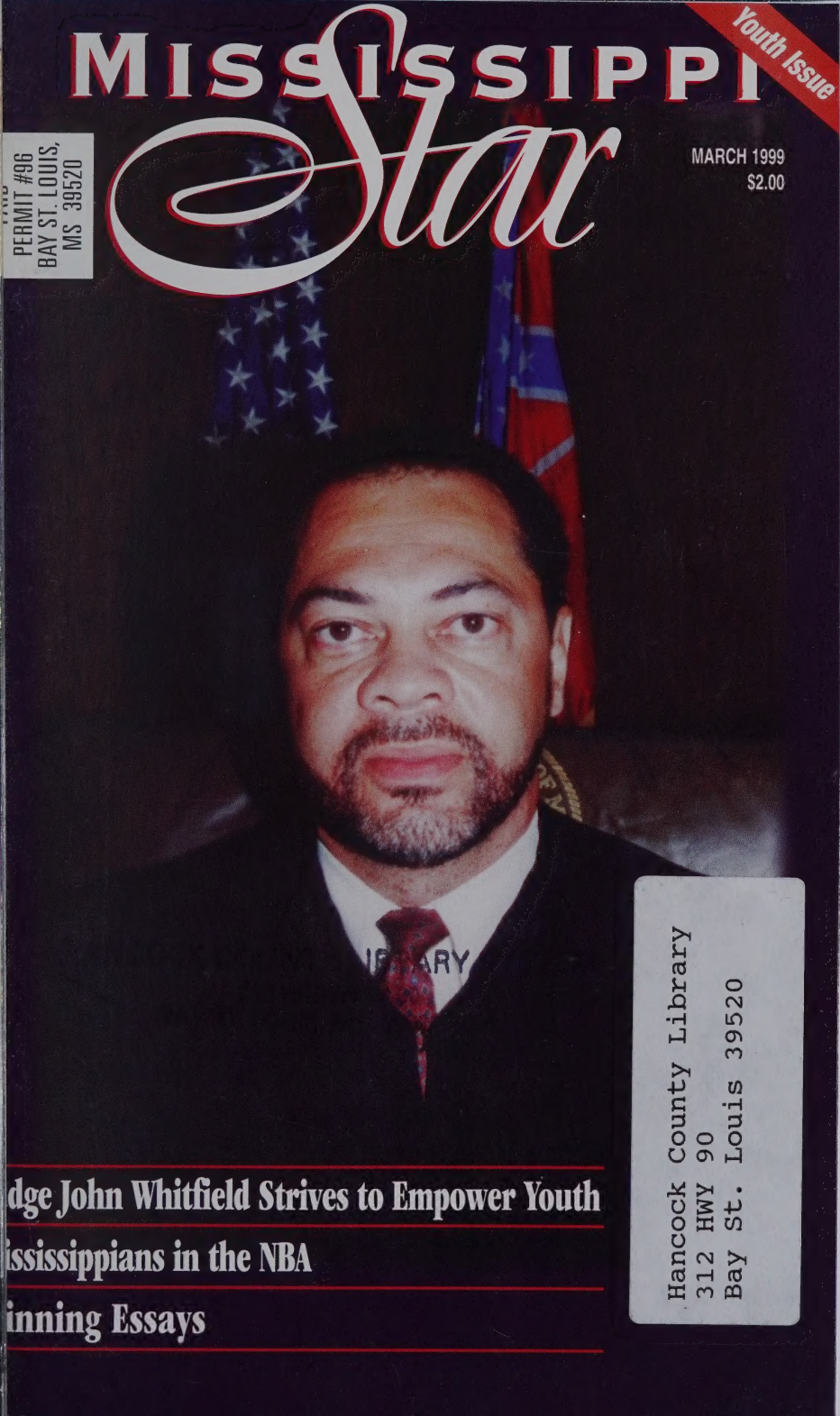

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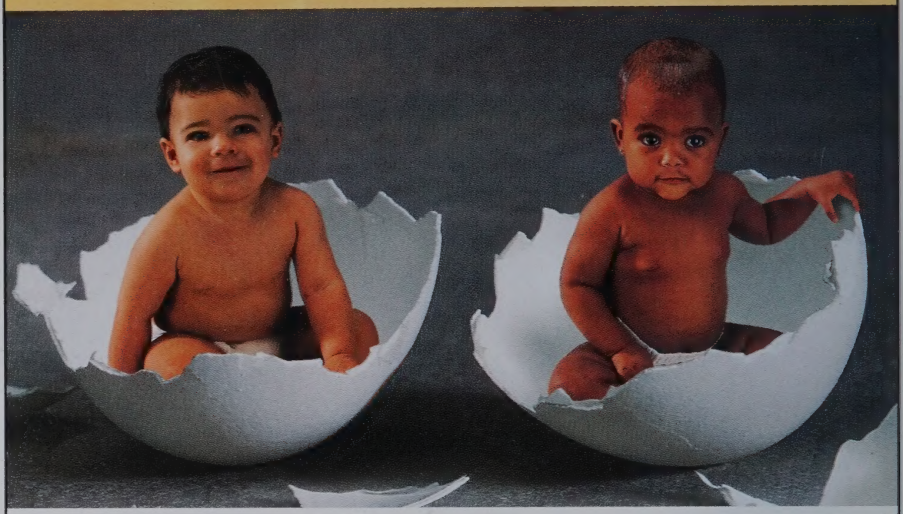

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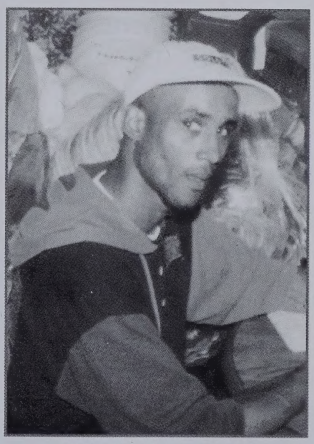

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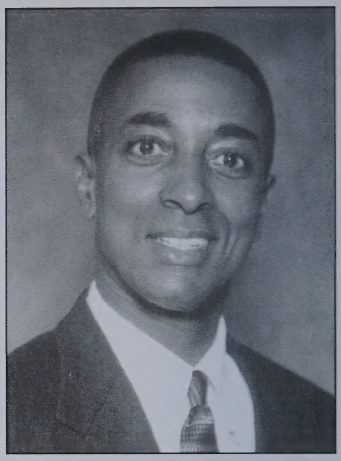

Maurice Singleton

Young people today have far more opportunities to stay within the state of Mississippi to achieve their goals than our generation had when we graduated from high school ten or twenty years ago and prior. For example, we knew that by working and with the help of grants and loans we could earn a college degree, but we also knew and understood that professional employment opportunities were few inside the state. Beyond the teaching profession, there were very few opportunities for professional employment in Mississippi.

Much has changed. Students can now look forward to the prospects of opportunities inside the state in a variety of careers and professions. With development all around us - at Stennis Space Center, within the casino industry, in the shipbuilding industry and in many other careers and related industries - opportunities abound.

The career issues for our children and their generation are quite different from the issues we considered upon graduating from high school. Young people in their generation have to make sure that they are prepared for the opportunities awaiting them. They can focus less on considering whether opportunities are open and available to blacks. Certainly, this was an issue our generation and prior generations had to consider. And certainly, race may be an issue in all of our careers at some point in time; however, unlike earlier times, race should not be an issue to totally exclude one from pursuing a certain career. In most cases, barriers have been at least broken, and new challenges are presented, such as getting past the "glass ceilings" that have prevented us from rising to higher levels within corporate structures.

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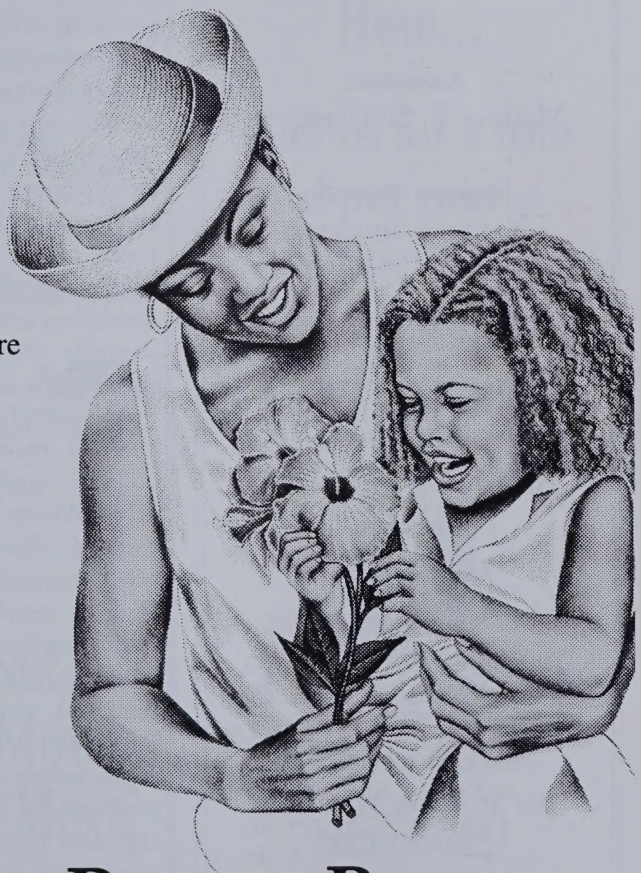

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Giving the "big city" a try may offer opportunities to broaden horizons and expand awareness of different places, people and cultures. Getting away from comfort zones also tends to make one more independent and more appreciative of support systems, including families and friends.

Teaching is still a very rewarding career, and much focus has been placed on increasing teaching salaries over the past few years. My guess would be that before too long, this profession will become more financially rewarding. Caring and talented teacher prospects, in the past, opted for more lucrative careers. With special teacher certification programs, incentives to study and teach in certain geographic areas of the state, young people who have aspirations of developing future generations should be excited at the prospects for favorable conditions and developments in the teaching profession.

Mississippi is a state experiencing a boom economy. Whether it is skilled or professional employment or employment to help offset the costs of education, the outlook is very promising for students and working people in our state. The most important issues are for prospects to be prepared with education and experience. Educational institutions are all around us. Our young people are faced with the best prospects for bright futures than in any other time during the history of our state.

Much success!

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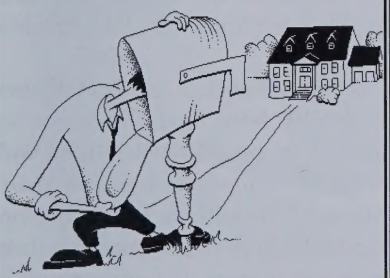

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SOMETHING TO PRAY ABOUT...

Children Crying Out for Love

by Stacy James Mackey

I saw a recent news broadcast which featured an in-depth story about an eleven year old brother and his thirteen year old sister. They were attractive children, average students who had lots of friends and lived a middle class life with their father. But what made these two young people the top news story was they murdered their father's girlfriend. The parents were divorced and the children thrived on the time spent with their father. Eventually dad began to date and found a new female companion. The children began to feel neglected as dad spent more and more time with his girlfriend. The teens put their thoughts together and devised a plan to get rid of the lady. They fatally succeeded.

Now the time they so desperately craved to spend with their dad will be spent in a prison visitors room. The youth are being tried as adults for first degree murder because their actions were premeditated. The lives of these young people and all who care for them are forever changed. As I listened to this story my heart sank for all involved.

My analytical mind asked, "Where was the mom? Why didn't they feel loved enough? Why did they have to cry out in this manner? Did they KNOW Jesus?" I played the news story over and over in my mind. "If these children had experienced the love of God they would have never felt alone." Of course, I can easily suppose a number of things since these children weren't my own. But what if they were mine or someone I knew" What could I have done differently as a parent? What can YOU do? Do you know a child that is in trouble who seems sad or whose family is in the midst of a divorce: The tragedy of this story is the father says he didn't know his children felt as they did.

Scripture teaches us that children are rewards from God. We are to see them as assets and shower them with love and care. Ephesians 6:4 shares with us. "And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." As any parent can tell you, it takes a great patience to raise children, but it also takes a watchful eye. Take a good look a the children around you. Do what you can to prevent some young person from committing actions that may have tragic consequences. I challenge you to be the one to provide love to a child who needs it.

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I Am One Piece of a Big Puzzle Called Life...

by Monica Patrice Jaynes
Pass Christian High School

As I sat and thought about this topic, I began to realize that I was indeed a single piece of a puzzle. Life is a puzzle, and I often wonder what meaning my presence has. When I look back into the past at the many heroes before me, I realize I am nothing compared to them. Yet, my piece of the puzzle, however small is unique. I am that unique individual. As a unique individual, it is my opportunity to show what my piece of the puzzle is. I must conquer all obstacles placed in my path. I must choose the direction for which I plan to take and stay on track.

Our ancestors did what had to be done in order for us to live freely in America. Even through we have many more advantages and opportunities now, there are still mountains to climb, roads to travel, and stones to be unturned. It is my endeavor to ensure that my life makes as much of a difference as the ones before and to those that follow me. Life is extremely important. Nothing is more precious than the life we live. Many of us take it for granted. My goal is to be a shining light. A beacon that others might follow. Being yourself, having confidence in who you are and where you're going is how you form your piece of the puzzle of life. Being able to say, I will not be a part of anything that does not seem right. I will not follow the crowd just to belong. I will not allow others to take up my space, for this space is mine and I have control. I am one piece of a big puzzle called life.

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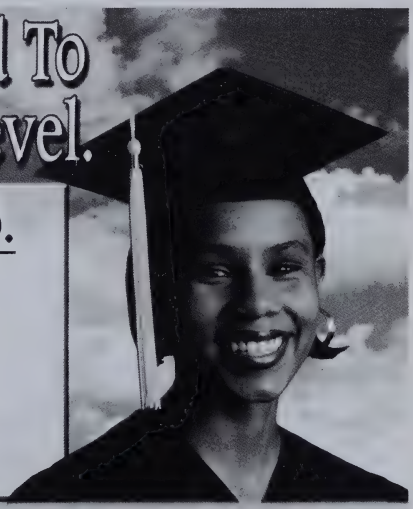

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Essay Contest Entry

I Am One Piece of a Big Puzzle Called Life...

by LaToya Jones
Pass Christian High School

If I can help someone as I travel along, if I can cheer someone with a word or a song, then my living shall not be in vain. Each individual is on this beautiful place we call earth for a reason. Each individual has a space to fill, a duty to perform, and service to render. Whether young or old, male or female, each citizen serves a purpose. Life does not last forever and it is only what a person makes of it.

Growing up in a small community has instilled in me strong values. I have learned to appreciate and to take pride in my community. I have also learned to promote leadership by getting involved in civic and service organizations. It has been said that America is a melting pot because there are people of all races, cultures, and descents in this country. As one piece of life's big puzzle, it is up to me to maintain an open-mind, and communicate my ideas and to respect all people. Unfortunately there are hundreds of people in this country with an intolerance or prejudice against races different from their own. It is my duty to realize that we are all created equal and we are all God's children. As a leader and an upcoming adult, I must adhere to a Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you". Respect people as well as property and be resourceful as well as productive. In order to be resourceful and productive, one must be educated. Knowledge is power. Education is something that no one can take from you. More and more mentors and tutorial programs are involving young people and it is my duty to take part in and to promote leadership involvement to keep programs like these going.

No one told me that growing up would be easy, although I don't believe I have come this far to receive nothing. It is very unfortunate that I am being brought up in a time when the rate of teenage pregnancy is steadily increasing. Each day someone dies from AIDS or is diagnosed with HIV. Abortions are becoming daily decisions, jails have become overcrowded, poverty is afflicting the lives of many Americans, and the literacy rate is decreasing.

On the brighter side, all teenagers do not engage in premarital sex and/or unprotected sex. Most importantly, every teenage girl is not a mother by the time she graduates from high school.

As a young leader, it is my duty to work to change negative things and to not just talk about change, but to be about change. Through my teachings, I have come to realize that you only live once and no one knows the day or the hour when God will call. Therefore, I must shine each day; I must be exemplary so that someone young or old can be motivated to strive for excellence.

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I Am One Piece of a Big Puzzle Called Life...

by LauRae Kynard
Pass Christian High School

There are many opportunities for everyone in life. In order to achieve a life long dream, one's first official task should be to wake up! In life, one is constantly faced with decisions, and that decision signifies a piece of the puzzle of life.

As a high school senior, I am approached with some of the most difficult decisions that I will ever be faced with. My first task is trying to apply my piece of the puzzle, by making a careful decision whether or not I want to further my education. I believe by attending a college or university, I am not only learning the skills for a job, but I am also giving myself a chance to give back to the children of a younger generation and teach them how to fill in their missing pieces of the puzzle as well as educating them of my experiences.

I am certain that in the end, my puzzle of life will grow to become a masterpiece.

In my eighteen years that I have been alive, I have not yet been introduced to any important challenges. But as graduation grows nearer, I am beginning to realize how important it is to my family and to myself to be successful and to walk that extra mile to fulfill that piece of the puzzle in my life. My parents, friends and even the administrators are preparing me for this huge step.

College may not always be the answer for everyone, but there are other roads to travel, such as the military. Many people go into the military and return very well disciplined. In conjunction, they are very likely to leave with a trade of some kind that will help them in their future plans.

My advice to anyone wanting to be successful is to wake up and live out your dreams instead of remaining asleep. My piece of the puzzle is not yet filled, but if I pull my end of the wagon then I am certain that in the end, my puzzle of life will grow to become a masterpiece.

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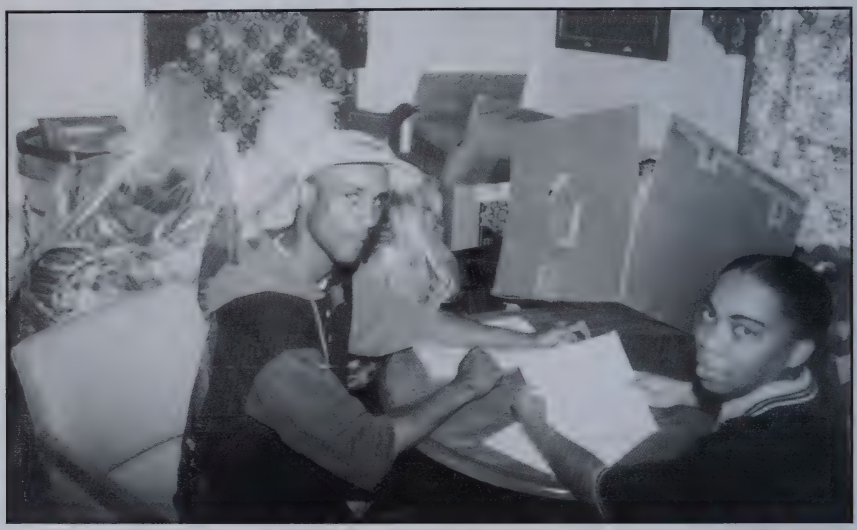

Danin, founder and CEO of Operation Wake-Up and his wife Robin, president, go over plans for Easter Basket Give Away.

Danin Benoit always wanted a better life for himself and his family. He started working odd jobs while in seventh grade to earn spending money. Working was fun for him. Working made more sense to him than school. Consequently, he dropped out of school and started working at a local grocery store.

"I gave those teachers a hard time," Danin recalled. "All the teachers who had me will tell you that I gave them a hard time. I didn't care for school. I played a lot in school. I gave the teachers a hard time. I always stood out in the crowd because I played so much. A lot of people looked up to me then."

The carefree attitude and lack of direction caught up with Danin. At the age of eighteen he found himself in trouble. He and two other young men broke into homes and stole televisions, video cassette recorders, jewelry and other items.

Danin could not handle what he had done. The guilt overcame him and he turned himself in to one of his victims and he made himself available to local police. As a result, he served time at a satellite center in Pascagoula and paid most of $12,000 in restitution to the victims.

"My conscious wouldn't let me keep it in," Danin explained. "I said then that I would go straight after that."

After a year of incarceration and a

four-year probation period, Danin started Operation Wake-Up. His first child was born. Danin wanted to be a good example to his son, so Operation Wake-Up evolved with Danin as its leader.

Danin said that he founded Operation Wake-Up to encourage community pride and involvement among his neighbors, friends and the young people of his generation. For many of them, Operation Wake-Up was the first organization they were ever involved in.

Today, at thirty-two years of age, many young people in Bay St. Louis and surrounding areas have faithfully looked up to Danin. They looked up to him for direction and his connection to community involvement.

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On February 28 of this year, members of Operation Wake-Up hosted a recognition program for Mr. Douglas Williams, the first and only African-American police chief in Bay St. Louis

who is now deceased. The family of Mr. Williams was bestowed with accolades, citations and plaques on behalf of their father and husband. A former mayor who worked closely with Mr. Williams and many of his friends paid tribute to him. The program was very well attended, and it was a tremendous success.

"I've always wanted to do programs like that," Danin said. "I use to dream of doing black history programs."

Operation Wake-Up has plans for several other events throughout the year. The next scheduled program is an Easter Basket Give Away on Easter Sunday.

"My goals are to show people that dropping out of school is not the way to go," said Danin. "And we also want to show people that we appreciate it when they do get involved. Many of our older people were never shown any appreciation for what they've done. That's why we did the program to honor Mr. Douglas Williams."

WAL-LETRA LANDFAIR
Portrait of a Campus Queen

Wal-Letra Landfair is not just beautiful. She is smart. Landfair came to Rust College in Holly Springs, MS on an Honors Track Scholarship — full four-year academic scholarship. The English/journalism major from Starkville, MS carries a 3.85 GPA and will graduate in April during Commencement Activities.

Since attending Rust, Wally, as she is known to her friends on campus, has been a tutor with the Student Support Services, and a volunteer for the Service Learning Project. While working with Student Support Services, she tutored her peers in mathematics, science and English. As a volunteer with Service Learning, her focus was geared to instilling ethical and moral values in elementary aged children. She is also a

volunteer with Reaction, a big sister program established several years ago by Rust students. Reaction members reach out to local high school and junior high school girls who need a caring friend.

While giving ample time to academics, Landfair has also found time to engage in a variety of campus activities. The multi-talented beauty served as president of the Rust College A'cappella Choir, where she was sõprano section leader; and she played saxophone in the College band.

In preparing for her career in journalism, Landfair has anchored the sports desk of RC-TV2, the College's public television and has been a writer for the Rustorian, the campus newspaper. During the summer of 1998, she interned for Riverside Publishing Company in Itasca, IL. While there, she wrote short stories, poems, informational passages and items for tests for grades 1-8.

Landfair was overwhelmingly elected campus queen in the spring of 1998. Last fall, she was officially crowned Miss Rust College in an elaborate coronation. She received the key to the city of Holly Springs during the event from Mayor Eddie L. Smith, Jr., himself a Rust graduate. Prior to becoming campus queen, she was elected queen of her sophomore and junior classes. Landfair competed in the 1996-1997 Miss UNCF pageant sponsored by the Pre-Alumni Council of which she is a member.

She is a member of Sigma Tau Delta English International Honor Society and served as assistant secretary of Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society. Landfair also served a term as president of the Pan-Hellenic Council and is a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. She played briefly for the Rust College Lady Bearcats basketball team and is a member of the Eboné Fashion Club. Landfair is the daughter of Rust alumna Allen Landfair and Joseph Landfair of Starkville.

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JUDGE JOHN WHITFIELD FIGHTS TO EMPOWER YOUTH

Judge John Whitfield visits at least one school each week to talk to students and listen to students. This is a commitment he made to himself before he graduated from law school. Judge Whitfield credits the adults who guided him over the years for the success he has had in his career. He feels obligated to return the favors to this generation of students.

"One of the things that motivates me is that I see the youth as our future," explained Whitfield. "I feel an obligation. Since returning home, I made it a point to spend at least one day a week in somebody's classroom. That has been my goal since I returned to Mississippi in 1988."

Whitfield believes that by talking to young people he can provide them with real information about hard truths that many young people are confronted with each day. He hopes that by hearing what

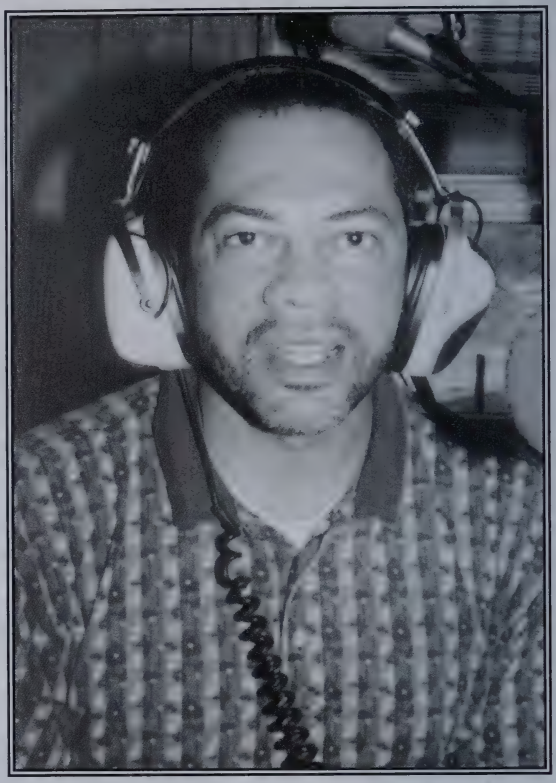
Judge Whitfield was elected to a second term as circuit court judge in 1998. He was first elected at age 31.

other young people are going through or have gone through, they may choose productive lifestyles and avoid lives of crime.

"Sometimes it can be very disheartening to see so many young people - especially young black males - coming into the judicial system," he explained. "Parchman has about 63% of its population as black males. When you consider that we are only 39% of the state's population, that is a startling number."

According to Whitfield, the Truth in Sentencing Law that went into effect on July 1, 1995, nearly doubled the prison population at Parchman. And, according to projections, the situation will become only grimmer. By the year 2004, Mississippi's prison population is expected to grow to around 30,000, a considerable jump from the approximately 7000 prisoners in the state in 1995.

"You're talking about 20,000 young black males," said Whitfield. "We can't afford to have that large a segment of the population locked up during their most productive years. Anything we can do to guide them in the right direction is what I'm really trying to do."



Judge Whitfield talks to high school students during his weekly call-in radio program, From the Bench on WBSL Radio Station in Bay St. Louis.

Guiding young people in the right direction is what Whitfield attempts to do when he visits local schools and hosts a weekly radio call-in program on WBSL Radio Station in Bay St. Louis. Each week Judge Whitfield, along with callers, dissect a real case scenario. Students assess the case, ask questions and make predictions about the outcome. Oftentimes, young people are surprised, if not dismayed at what they believe is harshness on the part of the judicial system. Whitfield informs them on the cold

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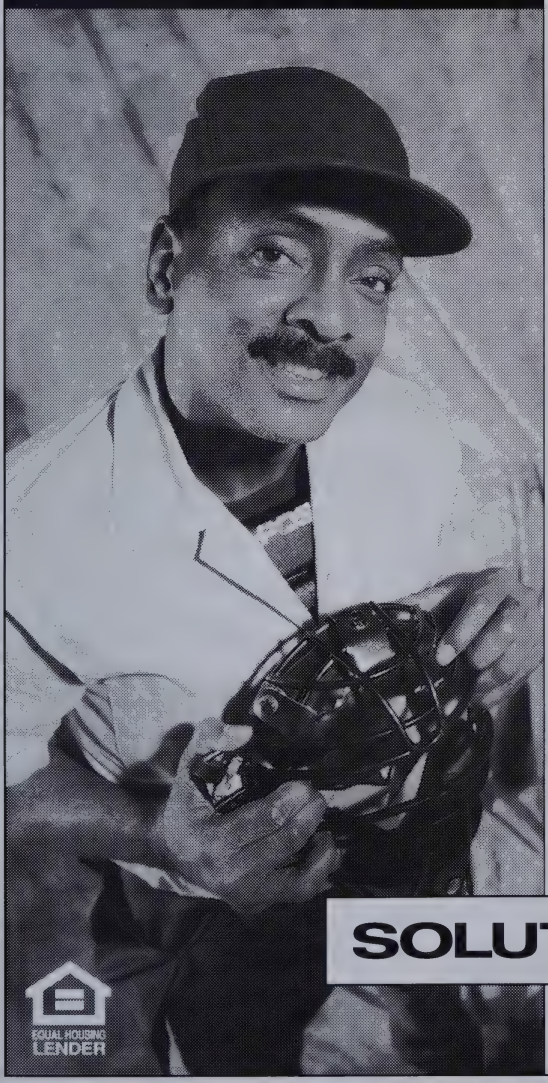

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One reality that bothers Whitfield is the State's Public Defender Program through which the courts appoint attorneys to clients who are not able to pay for legal representation when charged with a crime. Whitfield believes that the system is unfair because the appointed attorneys are burdened with large numbers of cases. The system, according to Whitfield, encourages poor legal representation.

"I don't know a judge on the circuit bench right now that if their child was faced with a crime would allow their child to be represented by the public defender program," explained Whitfield. "But yet, no one wants to improve the system."

Whitfield says that the problem is that there has been no public outcry for the way the current system operates. If there were public outcry, he believes the system would be forced to improve.

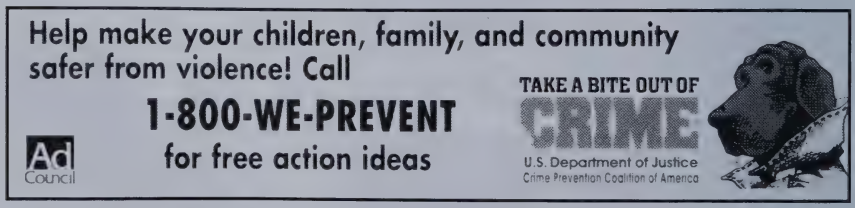
"Until we change the makeup and complexion of the judiciary, law enforcement and the legal profession in general, we're going to experience racism, prejudice and socio-economic discrimination," Whitfield explained. "The legal system in general, particularly the criminal justice system, is so white-male dominated that some of our kids - black and white - have an illusion that we cannot break that barrier. I stress to them that we have just as much a right as anybody.

"It is important that we expose our young people to the opportunities that are out there and available to them. We have a lot of black professionals today, but they are not as visible in the community as they should be."

"I would hope that we could expose kids to a wide range of career options rather than traditional ones. I hope in fifteen years from now, we'll see more black lawyers, judges, police officers, court reporters and prosecutors as the result of us going out to the schools making students aware that these careers are out there."

Judge Whitfield believes that it is critical that young black professionals find ways to communicate career path options and choices to young people. He sincerely believes that this is what it is going to take to increase employment opportunities and reduce the numbers in prison populations. He believes that the encouragement he received from mentors, coaches and teachers is responsible for him being elected and at thirty-six years of age, serving as the youngest circuit court judge in the state..

"If I can become a judge in the state of Mississippi at the time I did, they can become president of the United States."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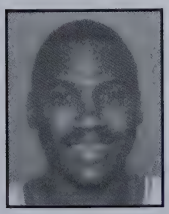
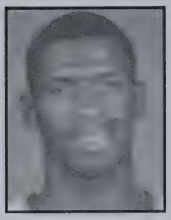
Mississippians in the NBA

Erick Dampier is in his third season in the NBA with the Golden State Warriors. The 6'11" power forward/center averaged 11.8 points per game and 8.7 rebounds. The Monticello, Mississippi native played collegiately at Mississippi State University and after his junior season was a first round pick (10th overall) in the 1996 NBA draft.

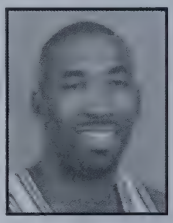
Othella Harrington is playing in his third season with the Houston Rockets. The 30th pick of the 1996 NBA played in 58 games last season, averaging 6.0 points per game and 3.6 rebounds. Harrington is a 6'9" power forward/center and a Georgetown University graduate. His playing time increased significantly this season when Charles Barkley was injured.



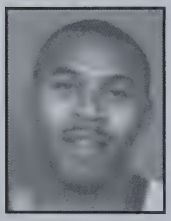
Lindsey Hunter is in his sixth NBA season with the Detroit Pistons. The 6'2" point guard averaged 12.1 points per game and 3.2 assists. He hit on 85 of 265 three-point shots (.321 average). A first round pick in the 1993 NBA Draft, Hunter was the tenth player chosen following a stellar senior season at Jackson State University where he averaged 26.7 points per game.



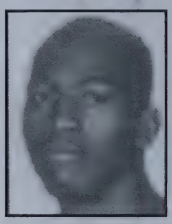
Antonio McDyess is in his fourth NBA season. McDyess was traded back to the Denver Nuggets after spending one season with the Phoenix Suns. The 6'9" forward is a dominating player who can score, rebound and defend. McDyess was the second player selected in the 1995 NBA Draft. He played two seasons at Denver and was traded to Phoenix for a minimum of three first-round draft choices. The native of Quitman, Mississippi, played two seasons at the University of Alabama.



Derrick McKey is in his twelfth NBA season. McKey has contributed both offensively and defensively throughout his career while at Seattle and during his first couple of years with the Indiana Pacers. During the past few years he has been more of a role player, drawing tough defensive assignments and coming off the bench as a key sixth player in the Pacers' rotation. The 6'10" Meridian native and former University of Alabama standout was drafted in the first round of the 1987 NBA Draft.

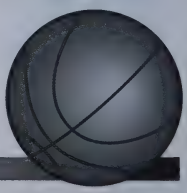


Clarence Weatherspoon is in his seventh NBA season, his first season as a member of the Miami Heat. The 6'7" power forward played most of last season with the Golden State Warriors after spending five full seasons with the Philadelphia 76ers. Weatherspoon is expected to be a key player as The Heat makes a run for the 1999 championship. Weatherspoon is native of Columbus, Mississippi and played collegiately at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg. His career scoring average is 15.0 points per game.



Ansu Sesay was selected by the Dallas Mavericks as the 30th pick in the 1998 NBA Draft. Ansu starred at the University of Mississippi, averaging 18.6 points per game during his senior season with the Rebels. Over four seasons at Ole Miss, the 6'8" forward averaged, 13.0 points per game - 7.2 as a freshman, 10.5 during his sophomore campaign and 14.8 his junior season before leading the Rebels during his senior year.

Lorenzen Wright is in his third NBA season with the Los Angeles Clippers. The 6'11" center/forward averaged 9.0 points per game last season, playing in 69 games. The Oxford, Mississippi native played collegiately at the University of Memphis. He was the Clippers first round pick in the 1996 NBA Draft.



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Allen D. Jenkins, President and Chief Creative Officer of PowerLines Advertising & Design, Inc. was recently named Copywriter of the Year for an unprecedented third time in four years by the American Advertising Federation's Mississippi Gulf Coast Chapter at their 1998 Addy Awards. In addition to receiving the coveted Copywriter of the Year honor, PowerLines Advertising & Design earned five Addys and eight Citations of Excellence. The prestigious Addy Award is the American Advertising Federation's (AAF) highest recognition for creative excellence.

Three Addys were awarded to PowerLines for work created in conjunction with the Buchanan Group for Triton Systems, Inc. of Long Beach. Addys were awarded for a sales brochure created for Triana Industries Inc. of Triana, Alabama, and for a print ad campaign for the Kellogg Conference Center of Tuskegee University.

Letterhead for Christian Benevolent Funeral Home of Mobile, the company brochure and outer sales folder for Triana Industries, Inc. and five individual print ads for the Kellogg Conference Center all earned Citations of Excellence.

Copywriter of the Year was awarded for the Business/Trade Publication Campaign entry, *A Museum You Can Meet In* created for the Kellogg Conference Center of Tuskegee University.

Jenkins has previously been recognized as Art Director of the Year, Volunteer of the Year and has served as the Mississippi Gulf Coast Advertising Federation's president and the AAF's 7th District Diversity Coordinator. PowerLines Advertising & Design has provided conceptually-driven advertising and graphic design solutions in the print, broadcast, and collateral media since 1993. PowerLines Advertising & Design is the only full service African-American owned advertising agency in Mississippi.

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ROCK-A-CHAWS END SUCCESSFUL BASKETBALL SEASON

The 1998-1999 St. Stanislaus College fighting Rock-A-Chaw basketball team members named to the All-Division team: Senior guard Paul Farve, Junior forward Zeke Davis, Division 7-AAAA Coach of the Year Jay Ladner, and Junior guard Junior Davis

The St. Stanislaus College Rock-A-Chaw basketball team recently completed a successful 1998-1999 season. The Rock-A-Chaws finished the season with a 31-6 record. This finish set a new school record for the most wins in a season. The Rock-A-Chaw team finished the season as Division 7-AAAA Runner-up behind Picayune.

For the first time in school history, the basketball Rocks won every invitation tournament in which they participated. The team won the Hancock County Tournament, the Pope John Paul Jaguar Classic in Slidell, Louisiana, the Rock-A-Chaw Classic, and the St. Martin's Christmas Classic in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The Rocks defeated Ocean Springs in the Coast Coliseum Shootout, beat Forrest County in War on the Shore hosted by St. Stanislaus College, earned the title of Mayor's Cup Champions after defeating rival Bay High School (adding to the tally of seven victories in the last eight years), and advanced to the Elite 8 by defeating the defending State Champion (Stone) in the play-offs.

I was extremely proud of our young men this season," stated Coach Jay Ladner. "Considering the adversity they faced throughout the season with sickness and injury, I was amazed by their continued resilience. This year's team has set the standard for other teams to follow."

In addition to a positive record, the following members of the Rock-A-Chaw team were named to the All-Division team: Senior guard Paul Farve, son of Mr. Harry Farve of Bay St. Louis; Junior guard Junior Davis, and junior forward Zeke Davis, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Davis of Bay St. Louis.

Named to the All-Division Honorable Mention team were the following: Senior forward Brantley Ladner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson, Jr. of Bay St. Louis; Junior forward Stephen Peterman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Peterman of Waveland; and Sophomore guard Grady Willis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Willis, Jr. of Waveland.

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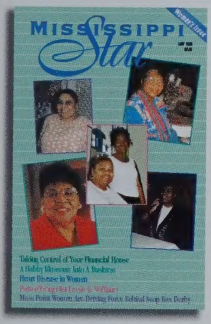
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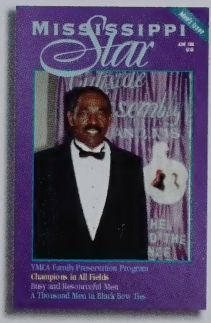
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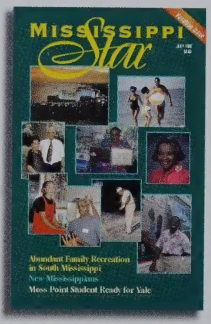
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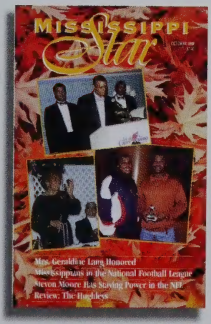
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